

TWO DEAF MUTES

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Two young ladies entered a railway car, and the only seat vacant was one turned to face another in which sat two young men. No sooner had the girls seated themselves than the young men began to work their fingers in the sign language of deaf mutes. They were well dressed, gentlemanlike fellows, and it was evident from the rapidity with which they talked with their hands that they could neither hear nor speak.

"Isn't it a pity, Grace?" said one of the girls to the other, "that these young men are deaf mutes?"

"And so handsome, too!"

The words were spoken in too low a tone for their vis-a-vis to hear, even if they had been endowed with hearing, for the girls could not quite feel sure of their condition. As the train got under way, making more and more of a rattle, the girls gained confidence and raised their voices. Since no heed was paid to them by the young men, no matter what they said, they finally became used to speaking in their natural voices.

"Isn't it funny, Belle?" said Grace, "to be talking about people before their faces and they not being able to hear a word?"

"There's a fascination about it," replied the other. "Do you know, I am possessed with a desire to say something I wouldn't have them hear for the universe."

"Why so?"

"Oh, on account of the novelty of the thing. Didn't you ever say all sorts of things to some deaf person?"

"Yes, indeed. My aunt Margaret is deaf as a post. I delight to call her names right under her nose."

"Which do you think the handsomer of the two men?"

"The one with the blue eyes and light hair."

"He hasn't a mustache. You know what they say about kissing a man without a mustache—like eating an egg without salt."

"I wouldn't mind a kiss from him even if he has no mustache."

At that moment the two young men ceased their silent communication, and the one with blue eyes, light hair and no mustache looked through the window. His companion was seized with a slight coughing and put his handkerchief to his mouth. But in a few minutes they were wriggling their fingers again.

"For my part," said Grace, "I prefer the one with that soft black beard. I think a beard that has not long grown is very becoming to a young man."

"Why don't you tell him so loud enough for him to hear you—that is, if he wasn't deaf as a maulkin?"

"Do you dare me?"

"Dare you? There's nothing to dare. Don't you know that the reason these people can't talk is that they are born without the slightest ability to hear? Not being able to hear, they can't learn how to talk."

"Is that it?"

"Yes."

"Well, Mr. Man, your black beard is very becoming, and you with blue eyes my friend wouldn't mind your kissing her."

Then the girls looked at each other and laughed. It was great fun to be able to talk this way to two nice looking young men who couldn't hear a word they were saying. Nor could they help looking at the subjects of their remarks to note the absolutely unconscious look on their faces.

Then the conductor came around to take up tickets, and the girls saw that the young men were for the same station as their own. When the conductor had passed Grace said to Belle:

"How would it do to ask them to come and see us tonight?"

"You can ask them what you like. It won't make any difference. Indeed, you might screech in their ears and they wouldn't hear you."

"Well, then, I'm going to do it just for fun."

"Don't."

"Why not?"

"Oh, it seems as if they ought to hear us, even if they don't."

"Do you suppose if they had heard what we had said about them they could help shouting it?"

"Of course not."

"Well, then, what are you afraid of?"

"I'm not afraid. Young gentlemen, we are very much pleased with your appearance. We live at 84 Adams street. We would be very glad to have you call upon us this evening."

She said all this looking straight at her friend. The young men's fingers were going like lightning. They seemed to have found a new subject of mutual interest.

"What would be the use of their coming to see us?" said Belle. "They couldn't talk to us nor we to them."

"Perhaps they carry slates to write messages on."

When the train stopped at the station where all were to alight one of the young men said to the other in a sonorous bass voice:

"Goodby, Redmond. I'll meet you at 5 at your room."

The girls went home in a carriage, using smelling salts by the way.

The time came when the young men made the girls' acquaintance and the call as well, but it was all done without reference to their first meeting.

An Incongruity

"When I started in life I hadn't nearly your advantage," said the father. "Quite true," replied the gilded youth. "But you shouldn't reproach me for that. Speak to grandfather."—Washington Star.

Some fellows are tied poor and others have their money tied up in dress suits.—Abe Martin in the January American Magazine.

IS NEAR SOLUTION

The Cumberland, Md., Poison Mystery Clearing

MAY BE KNOWN IN WEEK

Sad Incidents in Life of Grace Elosser. Suicide, Deposition from Ministry and Divorce Rate of Three Figures in the First Marriage.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 16.—An official who is very active in the efforts to run down the Twigg-Elosser poison mystery Saturday night said:

"We know more than we did a day or two ago. We are going to get at the bottom of it. I would not be surprised if all were unfolded in less than a week. We are rapidly nearing a solution."

This official added that all theories had been thrown aside and they were now looking to obtaining evidence from the Elosser home that would clear up the mystery. All are agreed that evidence is sewed up there.

No charges are made against any one and no matter how the deaths of the engaged couple may have come about, it is believed that the evidence of solution is to come from the place of the tragedy.

There were a number of callers at the Elosser home last week. May Elosser returned to teaching school. An officer had a friendly talk with May at her home in the presence of a third person. The illustration of Lady Macbeth washing her hands and the spots still being there was used by the interviewer in the course of the conversation. The young woman talked with such firmness and straightforwardness as to convince those present that she knew nothing as to the cause of the tragedy or how it came about.

Tragedy seemed to follow the wake of Grace Elosser, one of the victims. When nineteen she eloped with Maurice Cameron Willison and they were married at the house of Perry McElfish in Cumberland. McElfish later removed to Ohio, where he committed suicide. Rev. Theodore J. Yost, who performed the marriage ceremony, was later charged as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church. He left the ministry, went into speculation and met with reverses and financial disaster. In January, 1908, Grace Elosser divorced Willison.

Grace Elosser, Maurice Willison and Charles E. Twigg were school children together at Flintstone, this county. Grace Elosser was introduced to Twigg at the Cumberland fair last October. Then the short courtship which culminated in the tragedy began. This was the first time they had met since childhood at school more than 20 years before, and it did not then occur to her she was renewing the acquaintance of a schoolmate in her childhood.

On the morning of Dec. 31, before he came to Cumberland and went to the death parlor at the Elosser home, Twigg swept clean the sidewalk around his store, which occupies a street corner at Keyser, W. Va. This bit of work he was never known to have done before. He also had the furniture in the parlor of his home rearranged, to make space for Grace Elosser's piano, to be shipped from Cumberland. In this same space was set his casket on the following night, which was to have been his wedding night.

Two detectives, one from Baltimore and the other from Philadelphia, continued to work on the tragedy. Despite denial, persons who know Twigg and the affairs of his orchard company say that a year or so ago cyanide of potassium was used in killing insects in his peach orchard. The supply then exhausted, it is said, was not renewed. All other orchards therabouts use the poison.

TO PROBATE EDDY WILL JAN. 17.

Directors Fail Action On Claims Presented by Sons.

Boston, Jan. 17.—The will of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy will be offered for probate in the United States circuit court of New Hampshire on Tuesday, according to statements by attorneys for the Christian Science church, following a meeting of the lawyers and directors in the directors' offices at the mother church Saturday.

The directors' attorneys, Samuel J. Elder and William A. Morse, representing the church, and General Frank S. Street, of Concord, N. H., representing the executor of Mrs. Eddy's will, were present at Saturday's conference, which was held for the purpose of discussing plans in connection with the probate hearing on Tuesday at Concord.

No plans were made at Saturday's conference concerning the steps to be taken by the directors in connection with the bill filed by Dr. Ebenezer Foster-Eddy, adopted son of the late Mrs. Eddy, in the United States circuit court of New Hampshire, and a similar bill of equity by George W. Glover and Dr. Foster-Eddy, both of which question the legality of the will and ask the court for a construction of it.

The hearing on the bill filed by Dr. Ebenezer Foster-Eddy in the United States court will take place on Feb. 6, and a hearing on the bill in the state court will be opened in early April.

Attorney William A. Morse stated Saturday evening that the will has already been proven in common form and that Tuesday's hearing will be for proving it in solemn form.

General Streeter stayed in Boston only long enough to attend the meeting, and neither of the attorneys would discuss their plans for the coming hearing.

Father's Vocal Talent.

Eddie's Aunt Emma, who had been traveling in Europe, was expected to reach the house at midnight, and Eddie begged to be allowed to stay up to greet her. But his mother refused to give consent. "No," she said, decidedly, "it would be five long hours after your bedtime, and you couldn't possibly stay awake as long as that."

"Oh, yes, I can," Eddie wailed; "I can if papa will sing lullabies to me."—G. T. Evans in Woman's Home Companion for January.

Consumption

Anyone interested in the cure of Consumption should get one of the booklets telling of recoveries by the use of Eckman's Alternative.

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INTRUDER CAPTURED.

Charge of Attempted Burglary Preferred Against the Captive.

Rutland, Jan. 16.—City Judge F. G. Swinerton will have to decide this afternoon whether Frank Coolidge, a lumberman, was in the yard of Herbert D. Cleveland of Lincoln avenue at 12 o'clock Friday night for the purpose of stealing chickens or simply because some humor produced by over indulgence in intoxicating liquor turned his steps that way. Coolidge was caught after a chase by H. D. Cleveland and with the help of his father, George H. Cleveland, who lives next door, was taken towards the city hall, Policemen Conlin and Young taking him in tow eventually.

The elder Mr. Cleveland was awakened by a noise at the chicken house and on looking out of the window he distinctly saw, by means of the bright moonlight, a man standing near the building. He went out and aroused his son by tapping on the latter's bedroom window. Herbert Cleveland had a rifle handy and he leveled it on the intruder through an open window, ordering the man to stand where he was or take the alternative of getting a bullet into his body. Coolidge stood still for a while and meanwhile Mrs. Cleveland tried in vain to get into telephone communication with a policeman.

Then the lumberman bolted and Herbert Cleveland gave chase, firing his gun at such aim as to scare the fugitive. The chase was short and after a struggle Coolidge was overpowered.

Saturday morning Grand Juror C. B. Costello preferred a charge of attempted burglary against Coolidge. The respondent engaged John D. Spellman as counsel and in order to give the attorney opportunity to look into the case, a continuance was granted until this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Coolidge has been working at a lumber camp in Sherburne. He had been convicted three times for intoxication and once escaped from the county jail.

BLIZZARD IS HOLDING UP TRAINS.

Death and Disaster in Wake of Storm in West.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 16.—Not a wheel turned east of Columbia Falls on the Great Northern Saturday, and the snow drove was unable to lift a shovel. Several locomotives and snow ploughs were "dead" between Essex and the summit of the mountains, and must be withdrawn before the clearing can be accomplished.

Blizzard conditions continued through central Montana. The thermometer at Helena registered 30 degrees below. In addition to the death of a home-steader near Culbertson, Mont., and a stage passenger near White Sulphur Springs, Mont., by freezing, a report from upper Madison basin Saturday told of the death of Harold Leland, caught in an avalanche.

Half a hundred passengers are on trains blocked by the snow, but are not yet suffering from famine. Running at high speed a Great Northern locomotive, bound east from Spokane to the relief of trains snow bound in the Rockies, left the track four miles east of Priest river, Idaho, Saturday, and plunging down a 25-foot embankment, crashed through the ice into the river. W. F. Sunwalt, the engineer, and the fireman, Dan J. Kiesler, met death.

At Sacramento, Cal., hundreds of men are battling with the snow choked passages of the Sierras in an effort to keep the railroad lines clear and bring relief to stalled. All the resources of the Southern Pacific and Western Pacific companies are being brought to bear in fighting the worst snowstorm in the mountain districts in the last 20 years. In the face of a driving blizzard the Southern Pacific tracks in the snow-bound Sierras, east of Towle, Pacer county, were cleared sufficiently Saturday night to allow the stalled east and west bound overland trains to proceed over the division.

An Interesting Antique.

"Fine old inn, sir," commented the host. "Everything in this house has its story."

"I don't doubt it," remarked the grumpy tourist. "And there any legend connected with this old piece of cheese?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Th' feller with a family 'th' support don't know weather 't' laugh or git mad when he reads a President Taft's speeches.—Abe Martin in the January American Magazine.

AMES ISSUES STATEMENT

In Reply to Col. Roosevelt's Telegram Placing

HIM IN THE ANANIAS CLUB

Latter Declares That Denial of Ames Charges Should Have Been Made by Senator Lodge in United States Senate.

Boston, Jan. 16.—Congressman Butler Ames issued a reply last night to former President Roosevelt, who Saturday night made a vigorous denial of certain statements attributed to Mr. Ames regarding the recent connection of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge with an effort to sell some colliers to the navy department.

Congressman Ames in his statement says he expected a denial of the conversation between himself and Senator Lodge and the secretary of the navy. He continues:

"I was authoritatively informed that you did not use the words I have credited you with; but whether you did or not is of minor importance, and this particular part of the controversy may be safely left to some future time."

"Has it occurred to you that the denial of those charges or explanation thereof should have been made by Senator Lodge himself and on the floor of the Senate, for the fair name of Massachusetts, if not for his own?"

"Has it occurred to you that the time and place for you to have come to Senator Lodge's rescue was even before you came to speak in his behalf at the Arena in Boston just before election?"

"Has it occurred to you, or to Senator Lodge, that to thus rush to his defense in the press on the day before the caucus in the legislature on the senatorial election in this state, was to lay your self open to the charge, in the minds of some uncharitable people, at least, of trying to suppress full information in the matter?"

Col. Roosevelt took a leap into the Massachusetts senatorial contest Saturday night, in a telegram addressed to Joseph Walker, speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, vigorously championing the cause of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge and charging Congressman Butler Ames with deliberately misrepresenting facts. The telegram, which was sent from Oyster Bay, was called forth by the publication Saturday of an alleged statement by Congressman Ames, who is active in opposition to the candidacy of Senator Lodge for re-election. It read as follows:

"Story told by Butler Ames, reported in newspapers, as to the alleged conversation between me, Lodge and Newbury about purchase of colliers is a deliberate and outrageous falsehood. I never made any such remarks and no such conversation ever took place. During the 26 years I have known Senator Lodge, he has acted on all occasions and especially on every occasion when he has dealt with public matters or matters having any connection with the government's behalf, not merely with absolute honesty, but the highest and most delicate sense of propriety. I never had any talk with him about these colliers at all. It is shocking to think that Mr. Ames should invent such an outrageous falsehood about a public man of such rigid integrity and probity, a falsehood for which there is not even the smallest foundation in fact."

Congressman Ames was quoted as saying that Mr. Roosevelt, when president, reprimanded Senator Henry Cabot Lodge in the presence of former Assistant Secretary of the Navy Truman H. Newberry for alleged attempt to force the purchase of two colliers by the navy department, at a cost of \$1,500,000. According to the published statement attributed to Congressman Ames, President Roosevelt, after listening to Assistant Secretary Newberry's explanation, then turned to Senator Lodge and said:

"Cabot, I told you not to monkey with these things. Secretary Newberry is absolutely right." Mr. Ames said his information as to the conversation came from Mr. Newberry.

DON'T BE THIN

No Need of Being Scrawny, Weak and Emaciated.

In these days of physical culture and health foods, one would hardly expect to see any thin, weak, emaciated people, but in spite of all this nearly every person you meet is thin and scrawny.

Good healthy flesh can only be gained by the use of the proper food with thorough assimilation of the fat-forming elements.

Sanose has valuable flesh-forming and tissue-building properties, and when it is assimilated with the food, it causes the flesh-making elements to be retained and the weight is naturally increased.

D. F. Davis, the popular druggist, has sold in the last few weeks a great many packages of Sanose, every one with his personal guarantee to refund the money if it did not give satisfaction, and has had but one person ask for the money back.

In Woman's Realm.

To make oatmeal soap for the bath melt a large bar of Ivory soap and add 2 cups of oatmeal and 1 teaspoon of borax. Spread out in jelly tins and when cool cut into cakes.

When steaming velvet over a tea kettle, offer a small funnel in the spout of the kettle. This will spread the steam over a larger surface, and the work will be more quickly accomplished.

A mirror should never be hung where it will be in the direct rays of the sun or exposed to any intense heat of a fire or stove. Both these conditions have a most disastrous effect on the mercury, and in time will completely spoil the mirror.

Handy place for clothespins—Take a piece of putty 1-2 a yard long and stitch a piece a quarter of a yard long to the front of it, then put it into a binding to button or tie around you just like any common apron. This makes a handy place for your clothespins; when hanging out or taking in the clothes; you do not have to keep stooping over for clothespins. This kind of an apron is handy when you are sewing, as you have a place for your thread, scissors and thimble and when you get up in a hurry you do not have to stoop to pick up your things.

No More High Collars.

Smart neckwear is the most noticeable detail of the tailored woman's get-up. The well-cut, plain dark walking suit offers a striking contrast for the dainty white linen neckties. The collar has come into favor again for the strictly tailored costume, but it is not the high standing collar of past days, which wrought such havoc to throat lines that women turned in sheer revolt and went to the incongruous extremes of wearing the collarless blouse with a tailored suit. This season the soft medium-high linen stock is in favor for ordinary street wear. Collars and jackets are also much fancied with trimmings of baby Irish or dainty hand embroidery for smart occasions. The suit collar and cuff sets of lace show the influence of the broad square collar lines prominently featured in costume effects. Such sets come in real and imitation Irish and in heavy point de Venise. —The New Idea Woman's Magazine for January.

Home Helps.

Cut sheets of tinfoil and place under the flower vase dillies and you will have no trouble with any dampness affecting the best polished furniture.

Put a good sized lump of salt into a cupful of vinegar and put into the vessel that is discolored and let it stand for half a day. Wash well with warm water and soap and sediment will come off easily.

If your furniture has grown dull and streaked, try rubbing up with a flannel dipped in equal parts of turpentine and cast oil. It polishes quickly and much more cheaply than expensive polish.

If the housewife who makes bread will beat it well with a large spoon before she puts her hands in it she will find that her bread will be light and wholesome.

To restore the fragrance of baskets made from sweet-scented grass, after they have apparently lost it, plunge them into boiling water, removing them almost instantly.

A few drops of lemon squeezed into the water will make the darkest looking potato boil white.

If mixed with milk instead of water mustard will not get dry, but will keep nice and fresh until it is all used up.

If new enamel saucepans are placed in a pan of warm water, allowed to come to the boil, and then cool, they will be found to last much longer before either cracking or burning.

Good Rules for All.

There are eight rules for living which have been posted in a nurses' training school in a California hospital.

How would they do for your homes?

(1) I will not permit myself to speak while angry, and I will not make a bitter remark to another person who speaks to me in anger.

(2) I will neither gossip about the failings of another nor will I permit any other person to speak such gossip to me. Gossip will die when it cannot find a listener.

(3) I will respect weakness and defer to it in the street, in the department store and in the home, whether it be displayed by man or woman.

(4) I will always express gratitude for any favor or service rendered to me. If prevented from doing it on the spot, then I will seek an early opportunity to give utterance to it in the most gracious way within my power.

(5) I will not fail to express sympathy with another's sorrow or to give hearty utterance to my appreciation of good work by another, whether the party be friendly to me or not.

(6) I will not talk about my personal ailments or misfortunes. They shall be one of the subjects on which I am silent.

(7) I will neither eat nor drink what I know will detract from my ability to do my best work.

(8) I will strive to be always prepared for the very best that can happen to me. I will seek to be ready to seize the highest opportunity, to do the noblest work, to rise to the loftiest place which God and my abilities permit.

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SELECTING PRESIDENT.

Trustees of University of Vermont to Hold Meeting On It January 26.

Burlington, Jan. 16.—A meeting of the committee from the trustees of the university of Vermont having the matter of the selection of permanent president of the university in charge, will be held on Thursday, Jan. 26 at the office of the New York Life Insurance company in New York City, to consider the question. Elias Lyman, acting president, and chairman of the special committee, will go to New York the night before. Others of the committee are Cassius Peck, ex-Gov. Fletcher D. Proctor, C. A. Catlin of Providence, R. I., and Darwin P. Kingsley of New York.

The committee has between 50 and 60 suggested names to consider and it is expected that a large part of these will be eliminated at this meeting of the committee after due consideration.

This is the first time the committee has met since their election by the board of trustees, and it will necessarily make many subsequent conferences before final selection for a president is made.

APPEARANCES OF FRAUD.

In Manchester, N. H., Recent License Liquor Vote.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 14.—Recount of the license and no-license votes cast in the city of Manchester at the last election was concluded last night, after having consumed two days. The petition was brought by several prominent citizens of Manchester, including a number of clergymen.

The recount developed some sensational disclosures in which there was an appearance of fraud in the manner of marking ballots, presumably by some other hand than that of the voter. In ward 3, 117 votes were protested as being irregular or fraudulent. In ward 5, 106 votes were protested, and in ward 6, 140.

These ballots were protested for various reasons. In many cases there is a cross in the "yes" square which differs very materially from the character of crosses elsewhere on the ballot and in the "no" column as well.

Ideals in Merchandise

THERE is character building in merchandise, just as there is in men. We learn to know and to appreciate goods by much the same standards that we apply to people, although perhaps merchandise represents a double standard, for intervenes with its own character, good or bad, there is also the impress of the character of the maker.

We recognize the value of goods by appearance, quality of material, workmanship, finish and fitness; and frequently by something else—a trade mark, a name—representing in concrete form the character, quality, and fitness of the maker; and when this is present it establishes the value of the goods more definitely than all else.

This is especially the case in older communities, where generations have labored toward the perfection of a product, and where this process has gone hand in hand with a determination that the goods, as well as the manner of their marketing, shall bear the impress of their builders, and represent their highest ideals in manufacture and their true conceptions of the integrity of traffic.

Generations continuing the same line of manufacture present striking instances of goods so perfectly developed, so thoroughly known and accepted, that they have become a standard of excellence and value everywhere. Competition has devised no force potent enough to crowd these goods out of a market to which they have proved a supreme right through unnumbered days of steadfastness to honest value and to honest dealing.

For nearly three centuries of manufacturing, New England has been developing to a high plane these ideals of merchandise. Not in her cities alone but in unexpected places among her hills and beside her swift-running streams are found factories and mills out of which come goods known throughout the world; and the trade mark and "New England Made" stamped upon them, and the character for which they stand, make these goods, like the King's seal, pass current wherever there are civilized men.

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TABLE TALK: